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McMillan's Message

Commissioner
John McMillan

A Love of Agriculture Leads to a Dream Realized

Reflecting on the past eight years serving as commissioner of Agriculture and Industries brings me great happiness and a sense of accomplishment.

I consider this to be the best job in state government. I have had the opportunity to work with the finest producers, professional employees and the most supportive stakeholders. I have traveled to every corner of this great state and seen firsthand the importance that agriculture contributes.

The responsibilities aren't always glamorous. We have navigated through

avian influenza, BSE, citrus greening, severe weather conditions, industrial hemp, FSMA implementation, food safety recalls, international trade disruptions, budget cuts and many other challenges. Addressing these pressing issues is stressful, but we always come out stronger on the other side.

I take great pride in the efforts we have made to make this state agency more effective and responsive to the public. The value of hard work, determination and relationships has been impressed on me time and time again.

As this chapter ends and my next begins, I will always cherish my service to a sector that is dear to my heart. Growing up in rural Baldwin County as the son of a sawmill owner, I could only dream of serving in this position.

My service to agriculture is not over. As I transition into my role as State Treasurer, I will continue to be an advocate for agriculture, natural resources and for rural Alabama.

Thank you for the opportunity, support and memories.

WELCOMING A NEW ADMINISTRATION

On January 14, Rick Pate will be sworn in as the 26th Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries. Growing up working on his family's cattle and poultry operations in Lowndes County, Pate learned the value of hard work and perseverance. Because of his roots in agriculture, he studied horticulture and received his bachelor's degree in 1978 from Auburn University's College of Agriculture.

Pate put his degree and determination to work and started Pate Landscape Co. Inc. over 36 years ago. Under Pate's leadership, the company has been profitable and award winning. His focus on building relationships in the community through both professional and civic organizations and his commitment to install quality work are to what Pate credits his success. He plans to continue with these philosophies as he takes over as commissioner of agriculture.

Even though Pate has spent most of his time operating Pate Landscape, he never let go of his love for and connection to the land and farm in Lowndes County. He had a pure bred Charolais herd of his own, but at the death of his father in 2012, he also took over the family cattle operation, Pate Charolais Ranch.

As if running a company and being a cattleman was not enough to keep him busy, Pate had been raised with the example that each of us has a responsibility to give back. In 1997, he had the opportunity

to do just that by becoming mayor of Lowndesboro. During his term as mayor, a new well and water tank were added, the water system was expanded, and sidewalks were installed through town. These improvements will be enjoyed by the town's residents for years to come.

"Growing up on a farm, running a business, and serving as the mayor of a small rural town give me a unique prospective to bring to the office of ag commissioner," Pate says. "I have a genuine concern for the future of agriculture and the people of Alabama. I hope that in this position I will be able to make positive changes that improve our state as we go forward."

"It is estimated that by 2050, farmers will have to double food production to meet the needs of the world — it will take visionary leaders who understand that we have to work smarter, not just harder,



Commissioner-elect Rick Pate

to achieve these goals," Pate said. "I plan to do my part by working with my staff, agriculture stakeholders and the people of Alabama to make a difference."

Pate is married to the former Julie Dismukes, and they have two grown sons, Richard and James.

Farm Bill



PASSED BY U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

More information on the Farm Bill's passage on page 5.

AQUACULTURE

Bass \$1/up; Bluegill, coppernose, shell-crackers \$.40/up; Grass carp \$5/up; Shiners & fathead minnows \$10/lb.; Jumbo Crappie \$2.50 ea. We correct out of balance ponds. www.treasurelakesfish.com Steve Brown 445 Co Rd 55, Moundville 35474 205/371-4494 (Hale)
Channel Catfish fingerlings \$35/hundred/up, delivery available. Steve Baird 800 Sax-on Creek Rd., Goodwater 35072 256/223-2437 (Clay)

CATTLE

All livestock listings must be from bonafide livestock farmers. Notices from livestock dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission cannot be accepted.
CATTLE SALES
Cattle 18 months and older must be officially identified at change of ownership. For more information about obtaining official tags, contact the State Veterinarian's Office at 334-240-7253. Animals sold out-of-state must meet animal health requirements of the state of destination.

Limousin bull \$1,800, born 10-4-13, very good bull, gentle, have never pulled a calf off this bull, only reason for selling have a lot of heifers off him, call or text anytime 205/292-7938 (Tuscaloosa)
Texas Longhorn heifers, 6 to 12 mos., lots of color, can send pictures, \$400 to \$600. Howard Graham 205/522-2960 (Walker)
Brangus bull, 20 mos., LBW, \$1,400. 256/558-4519 (DeKalb)
Purebred, reg., polled, 22 mos., Santa Gertrudis bull, \$2,300. You can register Star5 calves w/this bull. Free Star5 info. Betty Kelso-Clough 85 Jackson Cove, Somerville 35670 256/778-7362 or 256/566-7878 (Morgan)
Polled Hereford bulls, 19-21 mos., tested ready for service, \$2,500, reg., good pedigrees & EPDs, dark red, extra gentle, good selection available. Polled Hereford source in Alabama 29 years. Jim & Lynda Lowery 5320 Co Rd 36, Heflin 36264 256/253-2445 (Cleburne)
Reduced Prices – Small homestead type beef & dairy cattle for small farms, prices start at \$750. Visit us at www.inlminifarm.com. Levon Sargent 663 Hulsey Rd., Henagar 35978 256/657-6545 (DeKalb)
Bred Brangus heifers exposed to reg. LBW Angus bulls, fleshy, deep, gentle heifers w/ ear, up to date on all shots, \$1,350. Call Brandon Shirah 334/701-4659 (Houston)
Simmental & Sim-Angus yearling bulls, homo black & polled, \$2,500/up. Mike Wells 70 Co Rd 824, Selma 36701 334/412-2280 (Dallas)
Reg. Brangus bulls, various ages, \$1,600/up, good EPDs, very gentle. Randy Cline 3665 Midway Rd., Thomasville 36784 205/393-4470 (Clarke)

On the Cover — Photo of nice buck taken by Keith Szafranski provided by Getty Images. To read more about the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division's significant increase in surveillance on Alabama highways and roads along state borders, looking for persons illegally importing deer carcasses from other states, read article on page 11.

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Commissioner

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CATTLE

Limousin homozygous black and homozygous polled young bulls and young heifers, guarantee black & polled calves, top bloodlines, exc. milking, great disposition, all vaccinations, LBW, free delivery, herd reduction, \$1,250/up. 205/456-0468 (Blount)
Reg. Limousin bulls, red & black, double polled, gentle, LBW, 17 mos to 29 mos. \$1,650-\$1,850; Reg. heifers, red & black, double polled, gentle, LBW, 10 mos. to 16 mos., \$1,150. Don Jones 15246 Hwy. 110, Fitzpatrick 36029 334/279-1023 or 334/207-7749 (Bullock)
Reg. polled Charolais bulls, AI sired by Ledger & Long Distance, 21-22 mos., calving ease, heavy muscled, long bodied, good EPDs & very gentle, \$2,500. 25 years of AI Gentic breeding. Billy Gilley 135 Co Rd 1684, Holly Pond 35083 256/796-7801 or 256/708-4700 (Cullman)
Reg. Brangus heifers, various ages, \$1,300/up, good EPDs, very gentle. Randy Cline 3665 Midway Rd., Thomasville 36784 205/393-4470 (Clarke)
Black Angus bulls, top bloodlines out of great cows, 14 mos., performance data available, \$1,750/up. Mark Rasco 631 Co Rd 208, Jemison 35085 256/761-7933 (Chilton)
Just one left, very nice 2 yo polled Hereford bull, gentle, fertile, easy keeping, easy calving, passed BSE, \$2,600. Ken McMillan mcm1@pellcityvets.com 205/405-0068 (Talladega)
Reg. quality Charolais bulls, 20-24 mos., homegrown, LBW, polled, balanced EPDs, gentle, thick & meaty, top bloodlines, \$2,500-\$3,500. www.frankellis.com Frank Ellis 250 Ellis Rd., Letohatchee 36047 334/315-8927 or 334/227-4856 (Lowndes)
5 weaned, spring 2018 born, reg. Angus bulls sired by SAV Angus Leader & SAV Ten Speed, exc. EPDs & genetics from AI sired dams, \$1,500-\$1,750. A.L. Bonds 165 Bonds Rd., Guntersville 35976 256/506-8111 (Marshall)
Two Black Angus bulls, 22 mos., ready to breed, exc. bloodlines, LBW, gentle bulls, \$2,100 & \$2,250. Claude Lipscomb www.blackandbluequarterhorses.com 251/965-3600 (Baldwin)
Reg. Brangus & Ultrablack bulls, 11 mos./up, \$1,200/up. Levon Enzor 4126 Perdue Hill Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/282-0553 or 251/267-3996 (Monroe)
Reg. Scottish Highland cattle, 8 mos/up heifers & bulls, purebred bloodlines for foundation stock, \$1,500/up, exc. maternal characteristics, gentle, great to cross w/your cattle or start your own fold. www.GBAhighlands.com or info@GBAhighlands.com Tracey 205/432-9531 (Cullman)
Reg. Limousin & LimFlex bulls, 4 chose from 60, LBW, from heavy milking dams, all black, \$1,600-\$1,850. Richard Beard 8109 Glendale Rd., Trussville 35173 205/655-7682 (Jefferson)
2016 Reg. Black Angus bull by AI sire Tour of Duty, W +58.06, G +41.87, YG +8.02, semen tested, gentle, \$2,500. T. Johnson, Pennington 205/301-0220 (Choctaw)

CATTLE

Reg. Santa Gertrudis bulls, service ready, EPDs, prices \$2,000 to \$4,000. Wayne Jernigan Sr. 531 Doyle Rd., Buena Vista, GA 31803 229/649-9659 or 229/649-7724 (Georgia)
Reg. Simmental 15 mos. bulls, black, blaze-faced, hand fed, docile, exc. EPDs, Bull Test Winner 5/10 years, good selection, \$2,000/up. Call Chester Hicks 4892 Crawford's Cove Rd., Springville 35146 256/490-1919 (St. Clair)
Reg. Black Angus bull, 2 yo & 3 mos., EPDs, BW -01, Milk +26, \$1,200. 256/505-2204 (Marshall)
Reg. Hereford bull from Fla. Bull Test Sale 2017, semen checked, \$1,650; Reg. Charolais bull, 5 yo, \$1,650; 8 BWF young bred cows, \$1,150 ea. 334/451-2857 or 334/320-6688 (Montgomery)
BBU Reg. Beefmaster bulls, \$1,500/up, polled, red & black colors. Carmon Smith 3557 Co Rd 24, Crossville 35962 256/571-3777 (DeKalb)
Herd sell out, 25 good black cows, 3 N 1 pairs, bred cows, 2 Brangus bulls, all for \$60,000 or will sell any amount. Bob King 6525 Co Rd 5, Ashland 36251 256/618-1677 (Clay)
8 Charolais bulls (4 are purebred), 4 are reg., 11 to 15 mos., 1 purebred Red Angus 13 mos., all are AI sired, \$1,400/up. Charlie D. Jones 3051 Hindman Rd., Fayette 35555 205/932-3416 (Fayette)
1 Reg. Angus bull, 9 mos., good EPD's B -3, W +50, Y +106, CED 11, Final Product & Objective breeding, \$1,500; One 9 mos. reg. Angus heifer, Consensus & New Day breeding, EPD's B +1.7, W +54, Y +91, \$1,500. Dale Parris 719 Oneonta Cut Off Rd., Albertville 35950 256/506-4353 (Marshall)
Hereford x Angus Baldie heifers, 19 to 22 mos., exposed to Angus bull, \$1,000-\$1,200; Reg. Angus & Hereford bulls, \$1,750-\$2,250; Bred cows \$1,100/up. Barry Fernambucq 205/688-3269 (Chilton)

EGG & POULTRY

Peacocks, 2015-2018 hatch, \$100/up. Call Candi 706/326-2812. (Lee)
Jumbo Coturnix Japanese Quail, \$2/up. Patrick Turner 5 Turner Rd., Fulton, MS 38843 662/862-3790 (Mississippi)

FARMS FOR RENT

350 ac. farmland in Dale County for lease, \$7,500. T.R. Bagwell 3125 Co Rd 3328, Brundidge 36010 334/735-2464 (Pike)

FARMS FOR SALE

22 ac. in Bemiston in Talladega, \$88,000 OBO; 2.4 ac. in Bemiston in Talladega \$11,500 OBO. John Philip Home 256/238-9270 (Calhoun)
444 ac. Hwy. 91, 6 miles off I-65, fenced, small lake, ponds, large creek, \$1,100,000. Mickey 205/936-8272 (Cullman)
Horse farm, 26 ac., 3/2 rustic home, 20 stall block barn, hay barn, shop, 9 pastures/paddocks, boarding income – trails, \$249,000. Kit Austin 653 Sunnyside Cir., Sylacauga 35151 256/510-0339 (Talladega)
30 ac. of land in Tallassee, located w/a beautiful creek on property, need to see to appreciate, \$3,800/ac. Bill Patterson, Tallassee 36078 334/799-7723 (Tallapoosa)
17 ac. in the woods, very private, septic tank & city water, serious calls, no land agents, \$2,000/ac. 799 Bankhead Rd., Quinton 35130 205/674-5790 (Walker)
74 ac. timberland, 3 bedroom brick house, 2 baths, central heat & A/C, fireplace, storm shelter, fenced yard, year around stream, outbuildings, off Hwy 219, Centreville, \$200,000. 205/926-6347 (Perry)

HAY & FEEDING GRAIN

4x4.5 rolls mixed grass hay, net wrapped, dry stored, \$30/roll. Individually wrapped haylage, call for price and availability. Jackson and Cherokee counties. 762/448-9481 (Cherokee)
Bahia mix hay CP 10.3%, TDN 54%, Nitrates (ppm) 184, 42 day growth, second cutting, no rain, net wrap, in barn, 750+ lbs./roll, \$32/roll, delivery extra. 205/364-7094 (Pickens)
5x5 round bales of hay, Fescue, Orchard grass, all pastures fertilized & sprayed, no rain, baled w/JD baler, will load, \$35/bale, Blount County-Snead area, delivery available. 205/456-0468 (Blount)
Sq. bale Bahia hay, dry & fertilized, 2nd & 3rd cuttings, \$5 ea., 10 bale minimum. 205/966-6443 (Shelby)
4x5 rolls, well fertilized, good quality hay, \$30/roll. Marsh Reynolds, Route 1, Section 35771 256/599-3341 (Jackson)
4x5 rolls mixed grass, sprayed & fertilized, never wet, barn stored, will load, \$35/roll, discount on 100+ rolls, no delivery. Layne Lowery, Bremen 256/339-7828 (Cullman)
Hay, exc. quality Bahia, well fertilized, 4x5 net wrapped rolls, in the field \$30. Clanton 205/299-7335 (Chilton)
5x5 rolls of Bahia & Bahia mixed grass, well fertilized, 2018 hay, will load, barn \$40/roll, outside \$35/roll. 205/487-6190 (Fayette)
Sq. bale hay, clean mixed grass hay, \$3 & Bermuda \$5 & mixed grasses & mulch \$1.50, you haul. Gordon Norton 205/541-2314 (Cleburne)
100 rolls 4x5 Bahia grass hay, barn stored & well fertilized, \$35/roll. Leon Cole 205/712-1440 (Lamar)
5'x5' net wrapped Clover mix & Coastal mix, \$30/roll, will load. Neil Sutton 53 Lightner Rd., Ariton 36311 334/685-3169 (Barbour)
140 4x5 bales stored in barn \$25/roll. Bobby Holycross 205/499-4628 (Sumter)

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HAY & FEEDING GRAINS

Mixed grass hay, 5'x5' net wrapped, \$25/roll loaded. Nick Sutton 4859 Hwy 51 S., Arton 36311 334/432-1310 (Barbour)

Clearance sale on 2018, 5x5 net wrapped Tifton 9 Bahia hay, good quality hay, \$20/bale loaded at field. Larry Monk 92 John C. Martin Rd., Clayton 36016 334/775-3239 (Barbour)

200 rolls 4x5 Bahia grass hay, barn stored & well fertilized, \$35/roll. Perry Cole 205/879-9008 (Shelby)

4x5 rolls Bahia or Fescue/Bermuda mix hay, net wrapped, stored in dry shed, sprayed & fertilized, baled w/no rain, can load, \$35/roll. W.O. Rakestraw 7480 Co Rd 59, Centre 256/484-3672 (Cherokee)

Last year's Coastal & Bahia grass net wrapped, \$15/roll & will load. Bill Patterson, Tallassee 36078 334/799-7723 (Elmore)

5x5 net wrapped, round bales, Coastal or Bahia, fertilized, no rain, Bahia \$30; Coastal \$35; Barn stored Coastal \$40, delivery available. Hank Gaines 334/799-3336 (Coffee)

Exc. quality 5x5 rolls of Fescue & Orchard grass, \$35, all fertilized, no weeds, local delivery available for fee. Bobby Stancil 5272 Hwy 43, Spruce Pine 35585 256/460-5657 (Franklin)

Coastal, Bahia 4x5 full size rolls, \$37.50 to \$50 ea., truck load, dry stored, tested high quality, delivery available. Charles Mitchell 6299 Lee Rd 188, Auburn 36832 334/332-7894 (Lee)

Alfalfa hay, Western grown, 80-85 lbs. bales, fine stem, leafy, \$17.50/bale, 20 bales or more, discount on 100 bales or more; 3x3x8 Alfalfa \$135/bale, 2 or more; 3x4x8 Superior Alfalfa 21% protein \$225/bale, 2 or more. Richard Beard 8109 Glendale Rd., Trussville 35173 205/655-7682 (Jefferson)

200 rolls Bahia grass, 4'x5.5 net wrap, this year's hay, \$38/roll. 251/269-8214 (Baldwin)

HORSES & MULES

Miniature horses, Appaloosas, Overos, several to pick from, 2 trained to cart, stallions, mares, yearlings, weanlings, starting at \$150/up. Jeannie Clemmons 205/662-5459 (Pickens)

AQHA ranch bred quarter horses crossed w/running bloodlines. Foundation mares genetics along w/ASOF & Dash Ta Fame \$2,000/up. Claude Lipscomb www.blackandbluequarterhorses.com 251/965-3600 (Baldwin)

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Reg. ASDR Australian Shepherd puppies, blue merles & tris, \$300 to \$1,000 depending on color, exc. working stock. Paula Lowry 334/341-7817 (Marengo)

Great Pyrenees puppies from proven working stock, parents on site, purebred, no papers, \$175. 404/394-0591 (Cleburne)

5-D Ranch raised Border Collies bred for working cattle, \$200-\$300; Also sometimes have started trained dogs. Tommy Davis 334/850-3046 (Macon)

Border Collies, 3 yo, \$100. Gordon Lyles 6875 Hwy 21, Horton 35980 205/466-3264 (Blount)

Reg. Border Collies puppies black/white born 12/10/18, sire & dam are strong cattle dogs used daily on the farm, dam has won cattle trials, will make exc. pet or working dog, \$400-\$600. 251/564-1623 (Elmore)

Reg. ASDR Australian Shepherd puppies, exc. working stock, blue merles, black tris, red tris, minis, standards, \$400/up. 334/341-7817 (Marengo)

MACHINERY

1973 Int'l Farmall Cub, original paint, runs/operates exc., good hydraulics, full set of cultivators, \$2,700 cash firm, pictures & video available, other attachments available extra. Chase Gamble 205/368-5339 (Tuscaloosa)

MACHINERY

Golf cart \$1,500; Grain buggy \$1,200; Hay roller \$1,000. 205/292-6039 or 205/454-4884 (Tuscaloosa)

550G Case dozier, long track, 6-way blade, \$20,000. Bob Case 1520 Co Rd 409, Elba 36323 850/496-7777 (Coffee)

Dunham 6' double gang cultipacker, unit has a couple of cracked disks but does not affect function, greasable bearings, could be pulled by large ATV or UTV, perfect for food plots, \$1,000. Clark Astin 256/572-9040 (Jackson)

Allis Chalmers 'CA' tractor, complete, straight sheet metal, snap coupler quick hitch w/3 pt conversion, spin-out rear wheels, will need restoration, perfect father/son project, asking \$850 cash, will load. Larry Gamble 205/529-5999 (Jefferson)

IH grain drill, double disk openers, 12' marker, tires exc. cond., \$4,000. Sanford 334/391-4693 (Elmore)

4400 JD Combine, 6 cylinder diesel engine, runs good, good shape, 13' bean head, fair shape, 444 4-row corn head fair shape, used last year, kept in the shed, \$6,000. 256/437-2402 (Jackson)

3020 JD diesel tractor w/5 weights on front, tool box, roll bar & canopy, 2nd owner, nice, 70 hp, \$12,500. 256/734-6064 (Cullman)

2013 JD 6115D, 118 hp cab, cold A/C, hot heat, MFWD, H310 loader w/global quick attach bucket, power reverser, 9F/9R transmission, 2 SCV, 3-way joy stick, new front tires, air seat, tier 3 emission (no def.), \$47,000. Clark Astin 256/572-9040 (Jackson)

Parting out several IH/Farmall tractors, models include A, C, Super C, 200, Cub, Super A, 100, 140, 240, 354-D, H, M, W-9 Standard, M-Diesel, H-Propane, M-Propane & IH Cub Cadet, some have run in past year, engine parts & more; Also have IH cultivator & planter parts, \$10/up. Chase Gamble 205/368-5339 (Tuscaloosa)

2010 JD 2320 compact tractor w/54" mower deck, 3 pt never used w/141 hrs. w/high & low hydrostatic transmission, in exc. cond., \$12,500. 256/734-6064 (Cullman)

Bulk liquid feed tank w/roper pump & hose, \$3,500. Norman Burch 10750 Hwy 188, Grand Bay 36541 251/865-6333 or 251/421-2725 (Mobile)

5 IH 75 lb. front suitcase weights \$600. 256/577-9815 (Lauderdale)

Int'l Super A restored w/hydraulic lift, cultivator cranks & runs good, also a lot of extra parts, \$3,000. Sanford 334/391-4693 (Elmore)

Gehl grinder & mixer, all 21", good cond., \$3,500. Norman Burch 10750 Hwy 188, Grand Bay 36541 251/865-6333 or 251/421-2725 (Mobile)

1971 JD 4020 w/new 18.4 rear tires, 11Lx15 on front 80%, roll bar & canopy, 5 weights on front & tool box, nice paint, \$20,000. 256/734-6064 (Cullman)

Feed mixer – Jay Lor A-50, used 4 hrs., \$4,000. Rickey Durden 20740 Fairground Rd., Robertsdale 36567 251/978-1266 (Baldwin)

1992, 7740 Ford SLE cab tractor, 16x16 transmission, approx. 3,500 hrs., \$8,500. Roger Yates 256/295-1049 (Etowah)

Gleaner F2 combine, 438 corn head & 13' grain platform, \$3,000. Call Don 256/585-0872 (Madison)

1974 MF Model 135 diesel tractor, single owner, shed maintained, 2 wd, 3 pt hitch, 1,530 hrs., \$4,500. 205/706-5380 (Etowah)

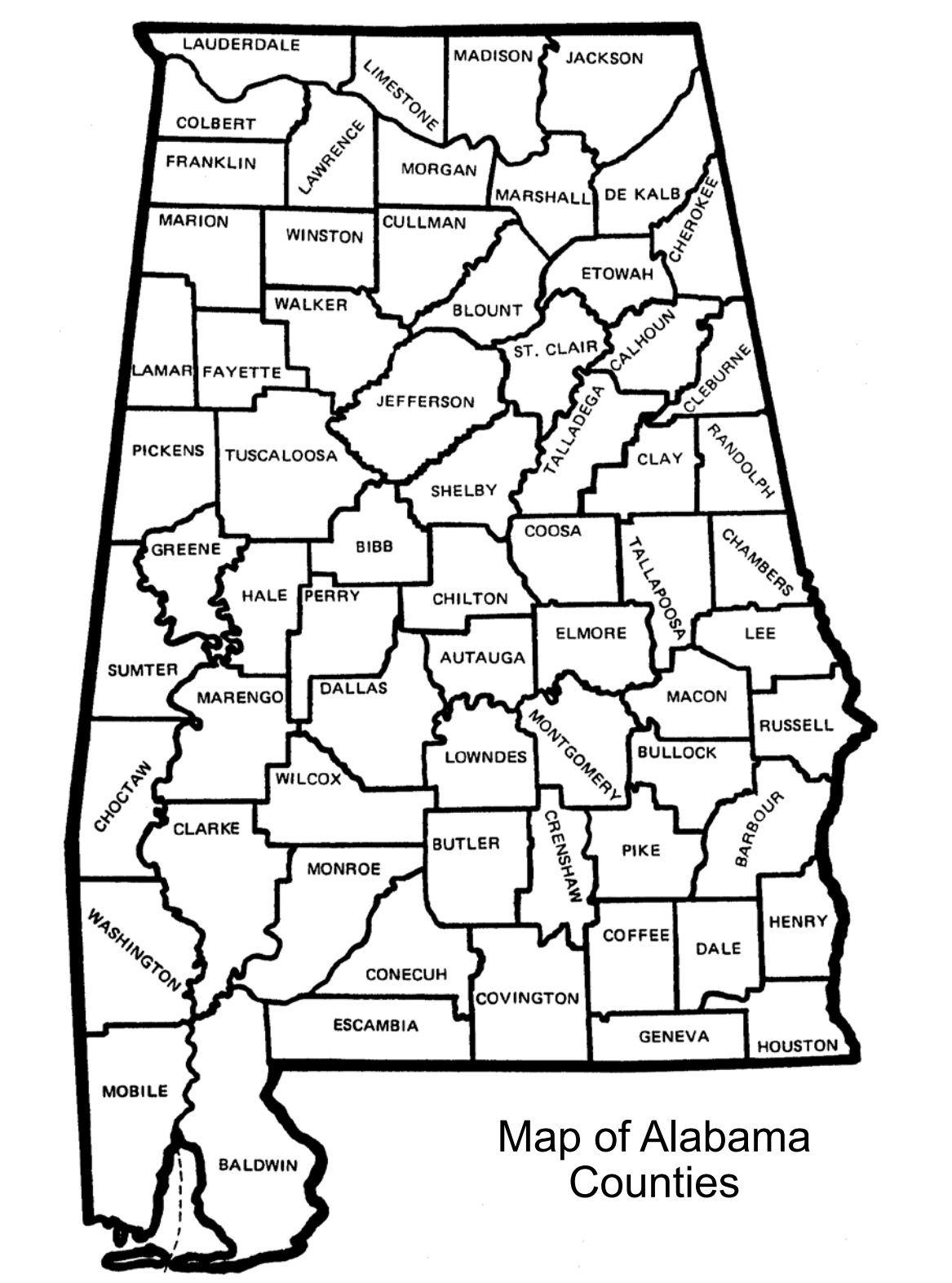
1997 JD dozer 450G, w/6-way blade, root rake, 425 hrs. on it 10/3/18, \$42,000. 205/292-5566 (Tuscaloosa)

One 6' bucket, one heavy duty forks, both fit Case front end loader, \$800 ea. or \$1,500 for both. Tommy Davis 334/850-3046 (Macon)

130 Farmall front & rear cultivators, good tires, 12 volt, exc. tractor, \$4,500, cranks & runs good. McCalla 205/914-1565 or 205/915-5462 (Tuscaloosa)

2008 Cat mini x trackhoe 304CCR w/hydraulic grapple, 1,087 hrs. on it 10/3/18, \$39,500. 205/292-5566 (Tuscaloosa)

JD 468 roller, net wrap, mega wide, \$18,000; JD 3140 tractor CHA \$13,000; M&W hy. capacity rake \$3,200. 256/527-4733 (Madison)



Map of Alabama Counties

MACHINERY

Super A Farmall, new paint, front & rear cultivators, good tires, planter & plates, 12 volt, \$3,900, cranks & runs good. McCalla 205/914-1565 or 205/915-5462 (Tuscaloosa)

IH 715 w/both heads \$2,500; 2 H tractor \$1,000; JD 450 mounted fire plow \$600. 334/421-0140 (Russell)

JD Tri-Cycle tractors, 1953 Model 40, 1954 Model 50 & 1956 Model 60, all three for \$10,000. Wayne Kelpen 21881 Peacock Dr., Robertsdale 36757 251/964-2015 (Baldwin)

JD 2850 tractor, 4x4, cab, \$14,000. 1092 Lark Griffin Rd., Lineville 36266 256/276-3602 or 256/354-2917 (Clay)

IH 2096 tractor, cab & air, 1,550 hrs., 120 hp, \$28,500; 1210 JD grain cart, 400 bus. \$2,500. Mike Dahlke 3178 Co Rd 1527, Cullman 35058 256/708-8023 (Cullman)

4630 JD tractor, cab, air, heat, 160 hp, syn-crot. \$12,500; New Idea corn picker #416, 1-row, \$2,300. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/282-6125 (Monroe)

Welding machine, Lincoln electric 250 amps, \$500; Burning torch, welding tips, big bottles on pull cart, \$400. Joe Glasscox 2460 Pine Mtn. Rd., Remlap 35133 205/681-7826 (Blount)

2015 6-bale individual dump hay vann, dual axles, great cond., \$5,200. 205/369-0982 (St. Clair)

MACHINERY

5' finishing mower, \$700, good shape; 6' finishing mower, \$800, good shape. McCalla 205/914-1565 or 205/915-5462 (Tuscaloosa)

8N Ford tractor, needs a little fixing, real nice looking, \$1,800; 3 pt hitch bush 5' by Bush Hog \$450; 16' disc harrow by JD \$3,250. 2991 Center Ridge Rd., Luverne 36049 334/335-6183 (Crenshaw)

Cyclone fertilizer spreader, 3 pt hitch, 600 lbs. capacity, \$250; 1 turning plow 2/14" flat bottom \$100; 1 disk 6' \$100. Joe Glasscox 2460 Pine Mtn. Rd., Remlap 35133 205/681-7826 (Blount)

Two 3 ton Apache creep feeder, used very little, \$3,000 ea. 205/369-0982 (St. Clair)

JD 5303 tractor w/JD FE loader, only 1,000 hrs., very nice, 58 hp, \$17,000. Charles Lott 139 Co Rd 137, Jack 36346 334/897-6346 or 334/406-7200 (Coffee)

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FARM BILL PASSES U.S. HOUSE AND SENATE

The 2018 Agriculture and Nutrition Act, better known as the Farm Bill, passed the U.S. House and Senate in mid-December. The bill covers agriculture subsidies, conservation, rural development and nutrition.

The Farm Bill reauthorizes farm programs and directs the nation’s agricultural policy for the next five years. The bill, originally introduced in May 2018, failed to pass.

The current legislation has been praised by farm groups for preserving safety nets for farmers while enhancing conservation and increasing USDA loan availability. One thing the bill doesn’t have is tighter work requirements for

food stamp recipients, which was the sticking point during negotiations.

Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries Commissioner John McMillan explained that the farm bill protects more than just farmers. It serves to protect land and natural resources, develops new trade opportunities, levels the playing field for producers, strengthens rural communities and provides nutritious foods for underserved families.

“Alabama is blessed to have a congressional delegation in Washington that understands the importance of agriculture,” McMillan said. “Our nation’s food security depends on strong agricultural policies that

provide stability for America’s farmers and ranchers.”

The bill passed the House with a 369-47 vote and passed the Senate with an 87-13 vote. The entire Alabama congressional delegation voted in favor. As this publication went to press, the bill was going to President Donald Trump for his signature.

With the president’s signature, this will be the first time since 1990 that Congress has enacted the Farm Bill in the same year it was introduced. It would also be the first time since 2002, that the new Farm Bill was enacted in the same year that the old one expired.

HURRICANE MICHAEL RELIEF FUND APPLICATIONS OPEN THROUGH JANUARY 31

Written by Jeff Helms

Farmers impacted by Hurricane Michael may apply for grants from the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation (AFAF) through Jan. 31.

Foundation Chairman Jimmy Parnell said the nonprofit will disperse almost \$200,000 donated by individuals, county federations and agribusinesses following the disastrous storm.

“We have been overwhelmed with the generosity shown to Alabama farmers in the wake of Hurricane Michael,” Parnell said. “The foundation established the Alabama Farmers Hurricane Relief Fund in response to people asking how they could help. We will now use an application process to make sure every dollar goes directly to a farmer in need.”

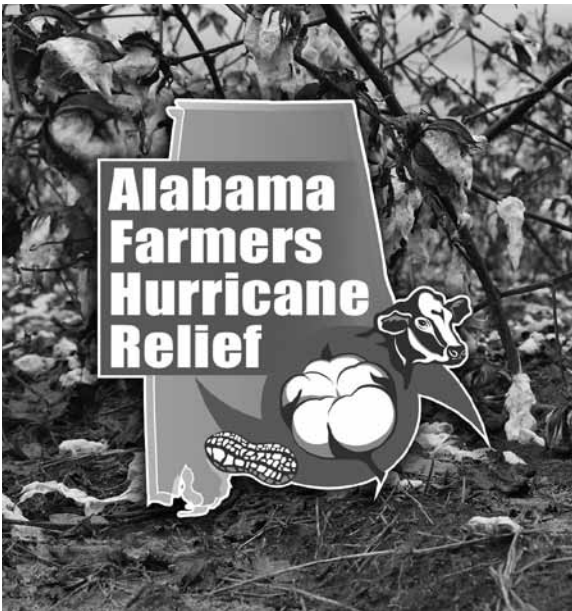
Parnell said funds will be targeted toward farmer losses not covered by a farm owner policy, crop insurance or disaster relief programs.

The online application gives farmers an opportunity to describe losses to crops, buildings, timber and fencing.

A committee will evaluate the applications and distribute funds based on the extent of non-covered losses.

Major donors to the Hurricane Relief Fund included Bayer Crop Science, Alabama Farm Credit, Alabama Ag Credit, CNY Community Foundation Inc., and about a dozen county Farmers Federations.

Farmers are encouraged to apply online at AlabamaFarmersFoundation.org. For more information, contact Brian Hardin at bhardin@alfafarmers.org or 334-613-4217.



Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation is 501(c)(3) nonprofit created to support and advance agriculture in the state of Alabama through education and research; increase awareness of agriculture in Alabama through public programs and activities; improve and expand agricultural services and products for the benefit of all citizens; and to establish and maintain high standards in agriculture. It is supported, in part, by sales of the Farming Feeds Alabama car tags.

MONTHLY HAY REPORT

Compared to last month: Hay prices were steady for the month of December. Trade moderate with moderate supply and demand. All prices are FOB unless otherwise noted.

Estimated Tons: 1,100		Last Month: 1,686	Last Year: 1,488
Southeast Hay	Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Peanut Mid Round			
Good	119	70.00-90.00	83.70
Bermuda Grass Small Square			
Premium	425	180.00-300.00	221.62
Bermuda Grass Large Round			
Premium	63	86.67-133.33	122.30
Bermuda Grass Mid Round			
Premium	171	100.00-130.00	109.94
Good	40	90.00-90.00	90.00
Bahia Grass Small Square			
Premium	2	240.00-240.00	240.00
Fair	8	160.00-160.00	160.00
Bahia Grass Mid Round			
Premium	8	100.00-100.00	100.00
Mixed Grass Small Square			
Good	2	180.00-180.00	180.00
Mixed Grass Mid Round			
Good	26	75.00-75.00	75.00
Wheat Straw Small Square			
Fair	3	160.00-180.00	160.00

Source: USDA—Alabama Department of Agriculture Market News, Montgomery, David Garcia at 334-223-7488.

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be limited. Ads should reflect descriptions of the land/farm.

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ALABAMA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle and calves at reported markets throughout the state for December 2018 totaled an estimated 30,000 head compared to 43,284 head for November 2018 and 30,353 head for December 2017. Compared to last period: Slaughter cows sold \$2 to \$4 higher, slaughter bulls sold \$1 higher. Feeder steers sold unevenly steady to \$2 lower, feeder heifers sold \$2 to \$4 lower. Replacement cows sold mostly steady. The feeder supply consisted of 24 percent steers, 42 percent heifers and 34 percent bulls.

Slaughter Cows Breakers 75-80				305-345	330	152.00-170.00	161.17
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	355-395	375	140.00-165.00	155.26
1165-1745	1415	39.00-44.00	41.38	400-445	431	136.00-161.00	151.33
1375-1590	1520	45.00-49.00	46.53 High Dressing	455-495	476	130.00-155.00	143.56
1025-1590	1281	33.00-38.00	35.89 Low Dressing	501-549	528	122.00-150.00	136.80
Slaughter Cows Boners 80-85				555-595	579	120.00-142.00	134.65
860-1705	1209	41.00-46.00	43.76	605-647	624	118.00-142.00	131.31
980-1660	1212	46.00-51.00	49.18 High Dressing	651-695	672	115.00-136.50	128.17
890-1565	1194	35.00-40.00	37.23 Low Dressing	705-745	716	115.00-132.00	127.29
Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90				755-795	775	107.00-130.00	122.01
800-1325	1161	34.00-39.00	36.99	Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1			
935-1190	1076	40.00-45.00	43.06 High Dressing	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
800-1200	1520	28.00-33.00	30.88 Low Dressing	225-230	228	150.00-152.50	151.26
Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2				260-285	272	145.00-150.00	147.29
1120-2375	1590	63.00-68.00	66.92	305-345	331	134.00-153.00	143.88
1210-2190	1589	70.00-75.00	73.15 High Dressing	355-395	371	125.00-150.00	137.67
1005-2140	1556	58.00-63.00	60.67 Low Dressing	400-445	422	116.00-140.00	131.69
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1				455-495	478	114.00-135.00	127.95
280-285	281	175.00-177.50	176.87	502-545	524	110.00-132.00	122.05
310-345	329	127.00-175.00	154.06	550-595	575	105.00-128.00	119.48
355-395	379	155.00-172.00	161.63	600-645	619	109.00-126.00	115.52
405-445	423	150.00-172.00	157.93	655-695	677	106.00-125.00	114.31
451-495	463	142.00-160.00	150.30	705-733	725	106.00-125.00	113.63
505-545	528	132.00-152.75	146.83	Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2			
555-595	571	127.00-151.50	141.73	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
610-645	633	128.00-145.00	134.68	210-245	228	147.00-155.00	150.69
660-688	674	124.00-140.00	133.25	260-295	281	130.00-145.00	136.89
700-745	719	117.00-135.50	131.95	300-345	324	125.00-147.50	135.55
750-785	771	120.00-130.00	125.62	355-395	378	115.00-141.00	129.76
855-860	858	117.00-120.00	118.50	400-448	427	110.00-132.50	124.55
900-910	905	100.00-115.00	108.99	450-495	475	107.00-130.00	121.14
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2				500-545	523	105.00-140.00	116.74
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	550-595	575	105.00-124.00	114.61
265-295	282	165.00-172.50	168.47	605-645	627	100.00-121.00	113.50
				655-695	670	100.00-119.00	109.16
				705-745	727	95.00-112.00	104.48
				755-795	770	90.00-100.00	93.75

Source: USDA-AL Dept of Ag Market News Service, Montgomery, AL, David Garcia, OIC / Office 334-223-7488. For more information contact: Montgomery.lpgmn@ams.usda.gov.

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Upcoming Ag Events

- January 2**—The Capital City Master Gardener Association sponsors a free monthly Lunch and Learn from noon to 1 p.m. at the Armory Learning Arts Center at 1018 Madison Ave., Montgomery. The January topic is Sex in the Garden/ Plant Propagation, conducted by Lt. Col. Don Armstrong, a Master Gardener. For more information, call 334-270-4133 or visit www.capcitymga.org.
- January 3**—The Autauga County Master Gardeners Association is hosting a free Lunch and Learn beginning at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church at 610 Fairview Ave., Prattville 36066. The January topic is Alabama Butterflies, conducted by Alabama butterfly author Paulette Ogard. For more information contact Tana Shealey at 334-361-7273.
- January 4, 11, 18 & 25**—A poultry and small animal sale will be held at 7 p.m. at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call Richard Askew at 256-839-6824.
- January 5**—A horse and tack sale will be held at 5 p.m. at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call Richard Askew 256-839-6824.
- January 5**—The Alabama Syrup-Makers Association meets at 8 a.m. at Golden Corral in Dothan every other month. For more information, call Earl Stokes at 334-494-3037.
- January 8**—The Elmore County Master Gardeners Association is hosting a Lunch and Learn from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church at 100 W. Bridge St., Wetumpka, AL 36092. The January topic is Seed Starting, conducted by Mallory Kelley, horticulturist of Alabama Cooperative Extension System. For more information contact 334-361-7273.
- January 12 & 26**—Goats, sheep and cattle sale will be held at noon at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call Richard Askew 256-839-6824.
- January 12 & 26**—The Central Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1403 Kincheon Rd. in Clanton. Additional livestock and poultry are welcome. For more information, call Jada at 205-258-8307 or Kathy at 205-351-2039.
- January 15**—New South Development and Training has been awarded a grant through a partnership between NFWF and USDA-NRCS to increase enrollment in ACEP, WRE and other easement programs. This free assistance, which will be held in Madison at 1 p.m., is for small and disadvantaged ranchers and farmers who are interested in applying for funding and conservation easements. For more information, call 678-680-9424 or email marchelle0822@gmail.com.
- January 23-26**—Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group’s 28th annual conference is for serious organic and sustainable producers, farm to school participants, urban farmers or those interested in creating more vibrant community food systems in the South. The event, held in Little Rock, Arkansas, offers informative pre-conference courses and field trips, practical conference sessions, networking and a trade show. For more information, visit www.ssawg.org/conference.

AUBURN TURF MANAGEMENT JUNIOR TO TRAIN UNDER SUPER BOWL GROUNDS CREW

By Jamie Creamer

2019 already is shaping up to be a super year for Wilson Morgan — a super year that starts with a trip to the Super Bowl. That’s the Auburn University junior’s grand prize for submitting the winning application and essay in the 2019 Toro Super Bowl Sports Turf Training competition. He is the first Auburn turf management student to be tapped for the honor in the contest’s 16-year history.

As the winner, Morgan will head to Atlanta Jan. 27 and spend the entire week leading up to the Feb. 3 Super Bowl as a member of the NFL’s elite Super Bowl grounds crew at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

“This is an amazing opportunity to learn from the best of the best,” Morgan says.

He’ll be working alongside two legends in the world of athletic field management: NFL Super Bowl Field Director Ed Mangan, who is also chief groundskeeper for the Atlanta Braves, and George Toma, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on the eve of the 2019 Super Bowl and who has been on the grounds crew for all 52 past Super Bowls.

During the week, Morgan will get hands-on experience in turf maintenance, field lining, logo painting, irrigation maintenance, field preparation for media day, halftime prep and clean-up.

“Mercedes-Benz Stadium has artificial turf, so I’m looking forward to learning what’s involved in managing a synthetic playing surface,” he says. “It will be great to have experience in that.”

In the Toro student competition, every application had to include a 500-word essay describing the applicant’s professional goals.

“It was basically asking where you saw yourself professionally five years from now,” Morgan says. “I tried to make mine as little about myself as possible. I’ve had

some excellent mentors in my life who helped me discover my dream of one day becoming a football field manager, and I want to be that kind of person for others.”

As recently as five years ago, the then-student at East Limestone High School in Athens was oblivious to the profession he now passionately pursues. He likely would have remained in the dark had it not been for a copy of SportsTurf magazine that happened to catch his eye in his greenhouse management classroom.

“I picked it up just out of curiosity, but when I started looking through it, I couldn’t believe it,” he says. “I mean, I was a football player, but I had no idea there were people who took care of sports fields for a living.”

East Limestone ag science teacher John Wilson told him yes there are and that Auburn has a degree for that. The more Morgan learned about sports turf management, the more excited he grew about such a career. He started classes at Auburn fall semester 2016.

Right off the bat at Auburn, he met fellow student Austin Brown, who recruited him to the group of crop, soil and environmental sciences students preparing for a win in the National Collegiate Turf Bowl competition.

Then he met Richard Wilt, an ’07 turf management alumnus who was turf and grounds manager for Auburn Athletics at the time, who hired Morgan and was impressed enough with the student’s work that he connected him to Miami Dolphins Head Groundskeeper Tom Wilson. That’s how Morgan wound up spending summer 2018 as an intern at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida.

“One thing I learned there was that managing the playing field is a full-time, year-round job,” Morgan says.

He also made valuable industry connections with the fulltime Dolphins grounds crew members, a couple of

whom encouraged him to apply for Toro’s 2019 Super Bowl contest.

Open to students who are in at least the second year of a two-year turf program or the junior year of a four-year program, the Super Bowl Sports Turf Training competition is a partnership between Toro and the NFL’s Super Bowl grounds team to recognize an outstanding turf management student by having him or her work with the pros to prepare a football field that more than 100 million viewers will tune in to see.

The thing to remember is that Morgan, only a junior, already has a year’s-plus experience maintaining collegiate sports fields, the internship with the Dolphins and, come February, Super Bowl field prep to his credit. Come summer 2019, he’ll be in the City of Brotherly Love as

an intern with the Philadelphia Phillies at Citizens Bank Park.

“That will give me experience in college sports, the NFL and Major League Baseball,” he says. “Plus, I’ve only worked with warm-season turf, but the Phillies play on Kentucky bluegrass, so then

I’d have experience managing a cool-season grass.

“I’m a big believer in planning ahead, and when I graduate (in May 2020), I plan to have a job,” Morgan says. “So I’m doing every single thing I can do now to be sure that happens.”

NATIONAL WEEKLY HOG REPORT

The following are national statistics of hog sales, as compiled by the USDA on Friday, December 14. Early weaned pigs \$5 per head higher. Feeder pigs \$6 per head higher. Demand moderate for moderate offerings. Receipts include 50 percent formulated prices. All prices quoted on per head basis with an estimated lean value of 50-54 percent.

Receipts this Week: 87,579 Last Week: 103,762 Last Year: 62,782

Information below (l-r) is: Lot Size, Head, Formula Range, Formula Wtd Avg., Head, Cash Range, and Cash Wtd Avg.

Early Weaned Pigs 10-12 lbs. Basis:							
600 or less				1,100	44.00-49.00	46.73	
600-1200	5,175	41.75-50.21	46.60	5,800	50.00-60.00	56.72	
1200 or more	39,054	37.00-57.76	46.00	27,300	58.50-70.00	63.89	
Total compos.	44,229	37.00-57.76	46.07	34,200	44.00-70.00	62.12	
Feeder Pigs 40 lbs. Basis:							
600 or less				1,500	61.00-64.50	62.57	
1200 or more				7,650	64.00-75.00	68.61	
Total composite				9,150	61.00-75.00	67.62	

Total Composite Weighted Average Receipts and Price (Formula and Cash): All Early Weaned Pigs: 78,429 at 53.07; All 40 lbs. Feeder Pigs: 9,150 at 67.62.

Note: Prices are quoted on a per head basis delivered to the buyers farm. Prices include frieght and fees on a farm to farm basis.

Source: USDA Market News Service, Des Moines, IA. 24 Hour recorded market information 515-284-4830. Visit www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/swine-reports.



Auburn University turf management junior Wilson Morgan sprays the lines in Jordan-Hare Stadium. Morgan, winner of the 2019 Toro Super Bowl Sports Turf Training competition, will head to Atlanta Jan. 27 and spend the week leading up to the Feb. 3 Super Bowl as a member of the NFL’s elite Super Bowl grounds crew at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.



EPA RELEASES NEWLY DEFINED WOTUS RULE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released the newly defined and revised “Waterways of the United States” (WOTUS) rule for public comment.

The repealing of the 2015 WOTUS began when President Donald Trump signed an executive order in February 2017, which prompted EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers to revise the Obama-era rule.

The February Order states that navigable waters are to be kept free from pollution, while at the same time promote economic growth, and minimize regulatory uncertainty.

EPA’s latest version is said to

simplify the language, further define what is considered federal jurisdiction, and clearly outline categories.

The new rule consists of six categories: traditional navigable waterways, tributaries, ditches, lake/ponds, impoundments and wetlands adjacent to certain waters.

The new rule also dives deeper into what is and is not under WOTUS classification. There were 11 exclusions included: groundwater, most ditches, prior converted cropland, treatment systems, borrow pits, etc.

“This user-friendly amendment will restore landowners rights,” said Alabama Department of

Agriculture and Industries Commissioner John McMillan. “The prior rule greatly expanded Washington’s control over local land use. These necessary changes will assist landowners in understanding whether a project needs federal permits, thus saving our producers both time and money.”

If finalized, the agency’s proposed rule would apply nationwide. WOTUS will be open to public comment for 60 days. Comments on the proposal should be identified with Docket ID No EPA-HQ-OW-2018-014 and submitted online at regulations.gov.

For additional information, visit epa.gov/wotus-rule.

ADAI ANNOUNCES COST-SHARE PROGRAM FOR SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCERS

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries announces a cost-share program for specialty crop growers to alleviate the cost associated with GAP/GHP certification.

Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) audits are voluntary inspections that evaluate how fruits and vegetables are produced, packed, handled and stored. The goal is to ensure that food is produced in the safest manner possible to minimize

risks of microbial food safety hazards.

The cost-share program will reimburse farmers that have successfully passed a GAP/GHP certification for 75 percent of the cost up to a maximum of \$500 per year.

“We are always looking for ways to help our state’s producers grow and expand,” said Commissioner John McMillan. “GAP/GHP certification is required by most schools, grocers and wholesalers. By providing financial assistance, we are

helping our farmers reach those markets.”

Funds for this program are provided through the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Reimbursements are available on a first-come, first-serve basis until the funds are depleted.

If you are interested in applying for the program or have questions, please visit agi.alabama.gov or contact Don Wambles at 334-240-7247 or don.wambles@agi.alabama.gov.

ALABAMA PORK PRODUCERS

A Division of Alabama Farmers Federation

PUBLIC NOTICE: PORK PRODUCERS HOLD ELECTION

The election of pork producer delegate candidates for the 2020 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will take place February 5, at 1 p.m., in conjunction with a Board of Directors meeting of the Alabama Pork Producers Association in the State Boardroom of the Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center, 300 Tallapoosa Street in Montgomery, during the Alabama Farmers Federation’s Commodity Organization Meeting. All Alabama pork producers are invited to attend.

Any producer who is a

resident of the state, at least 18 years old, is a producer of porcine animals or its representative, and has paid all assessments due, may be considered as a delegate candidate and/or participant in the election. All eligible producers are encouraged to bring with them a sales receipt proving that hogs were sold in their name and the checkoff deducted. For more information, contact Alabama Pork Producers, P.O. Box 11000, Montgomery, AL 36191-0001; phone 334-612-5181 or email ghall@alfafarmers.org.



1. Keep Your Distance.

Restrict access to your property and your birds. Consider fencing off the area where you keep your birds to form a barrier between “clean” and “dirty” areas. Allow only people who take care of your birds to come into contact with them. If visitors have birds of their own, **do not** let them enter your bird area or have access to your birds. Game birds and migratory waterfowl should not have contact with your flock because they can carry germs and diseases.



2. Keep It Clean.

Wear clean clothes and scrub your shoes with disinfectant. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before entering your bird area. Keep cages clean and change food and water daily. Clean and disinfect equipment that comes in contact with your birds or their droppings, including cages and tools. Remove manure before disinfecting. Properly dispose of dead birds.



3. Don't Haul Disease Home.

Car and truck tires, poultry cages, and equipment can all harbor germs. If you travel to a location where other birds are present, or even to the feed store, be sure to clean and disinfect these items before returning to your property. Have your birds been to a fair or exhibition? Keep them separated from the rest of your flock for at least 2 weeks after the event. New birds should be kept separate from your flock for at least 30 days.



4. Don't Borrow Disease From Your Neighbor.

Do not share lawn and garden equipment, tools, or poultry supplies with your neighbors or other bird owners. If you do bring these items home, clean and disinfect them before they reach your property.



5. Know the Warning Signs of Infectious Bird Diseases.

Early detection is important to prevent the spread of disease. Here's what to look for:

- Sudden increase in bird deaths in your flock
- Sneezing, gasping for air, coughing, and nasal discharge
- Watery and green diarrhea
- Lack of energy and poor appetite
- Drop in egg production or thin- or soft-shelled, misshapen eggs
- Swelling around the eyes, neck, and head
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, comb, and legs (avian influenza)
- Tremors, drooping wings, circling, twisting of the head and neck, or lack of movement (exotic Newcastle disease)



6. Report Sick Birds.

Don't wait. If your birds are sick or dying, contact your agricultural extension office/agent, local veterinarian, local animal health diagnostic laboratory, or the State veterinarian. Or, call the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) toll free at 1-866-536-7593, and we'll put you in touch with a local contact.

You are the best protection your birds have.
For more information, go to <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>.

WFF ENFORCEMENT INCREASES DEER CARCASS SURVEILLANCE

By DAVID RAINER

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Hunters who travel out of state should be aware that the Enforcement Section of the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division has significantly increased its surveillance of roads along state borders, looking for persons illegally importing deer carcasses.

The regulation that banned the import of cervid body parts from states known to be Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)-positive was enacted three years ago to safeguard against disease transmission. When a Mississippi deer tested positive for CWD earlier this year, DCNR was already in the process of expanding its prohibition of the importation of carcasses of white-tailed deer and other cervids (elk, mule deer, moose, etc.) to include all states.

“Those thoroughfares in close proximity to the state borders are where we have concentrated our efforts,” WFF Enforcement Chief Matt Weathers said. “This is important for the defense of the state — though it is a labor-intensive undertaking.”

Weathers said the surveillance puts extra pressure on the enforcement officers, who still must perform other duties.

“We are concentrating our efforts to match those peak hunting seasons in the West and Midwest when people would be bringing deer carcasses into the state. To some extent it will go throughout the entirety of our deer season,” he said.

Since 1907, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) has been tasked with protecting Alabama’s natural resources on behalf of its citizens. The Alabama Legislature recognized that commercial exploitation was having a significant adverse impact on the state’s natural resources and founded the ADCNR. Although some exploitation of resources continues today, it has been

minimized by the promulgation and enforcement of laws that protect those natural resources.

Although the ADCNR’s basic mission has changed very little over the last 11 decades, the types of

threats facing Alabama’s natural resources have changed.

Today, the largest threat is CWD and the impact it could have on Alabama’s hunting industry and its hunting heritage.

“If you hunt deer in Alabama, enjoy watching deer in our state, or if you benefit from the nearly \$2 billion industry that exists in Alabama surrounding these activities, you should be aware that your very way of life could change greatly in the coming years if we all do not work together to keep CWD out of Alabama,” said Conservation Commissioner Chris Blankenship.

CWD is a 100-percent-fatal, communicable disease that is very similar to Mad Cow Disease in cattle. The prion that causes CWD can be found concentrated in the brain, spinal cord and bone tissue well after the infected animal dies.

“If those infected parts are brought into our state and thrown out where deer from our herd can come into contact with them, we could become a CWD-positive state overnight,” Blankenship said.

One of the disconcerting aspects of the new regulations is the attitude of hunters toward those restrictions. A case in point occurred when Alabama and Tennessee wildlife officials conducted a joint operation at Alabama’s northern border.

That effort resulted in six citations for hunters bringing back field-dressed deer into Alabama from other states.

Alabama’s Enforcement Section has made several other cases since, and there seems to be a disturbing thread.



A conservation enforcement officer on the front line in the state's fight against CWD.

“We’ve got guys bringing deer back to Alabama that originated many states away,” Weathers said. “Many, if not all, of the states they passed through have similar regulations. For the limited amount of time we’ve conducted this operation, it is a concerning number of violations. It speaks to the volume of the problem.”

WFF has long recognized the potential threat of CWD and started testing deer in our state in a preemptive manner in 2002. To date, WFF has tested more than 8,000 deer with no positive CWD samples found.

This past August, ADCNR unveiled an extensive advertising campaign to educate those hunters who hunt out of state. Billboards and various other informational materials were placed along highway routes at state lines providing information about CWD and the regulations regarding the importation of deer parts returning from a hunting trip out of state.

“Despite our best efforts at education, unlawful import of those prohibited parts remains a problem,” Weathers said. “ADCNR has gone to great lengths to provide a sustainable white-tailed deer herd for the citizens of Alabama to enjoy. Today, however, simply providing this herd isn’t enough. We must protect it. We protect it not only for ourselves but for those who will come after us.

“So, when you see your local conservation enforcement officer patrolling near a state line, know that what you are actually seeing is the front line in the fight against CWD.”

WALLACE STATE OFFERS SIX SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SMALL FARMER TRAINING

Wallace State Community College’s Small Farmer Training program is ready to grow abundantly during the Spring 2019 semester.

The program is designed to prepare students to begin and operate their own farms or to serve as a farm manager of an existing farm. It offers a better understanding of farm operations to work in non-profits or farmer assistance and promotion organizations.

The Small Farmer Training program, one of the newest on campus, is offering six scholarships, totaling \$1,000 each. The certification is divided into four different sessions or growing seasons and includes day and nighttime classes. The program begins on March 18 and concludes on Nov. 7.

After completing the course, assessments can be taken to receive college credit hours that can be applied toward an associate’s degree in Horticulture.

“I can’t wait for these scholarships to help students, and I believe this program will skyrocket because of it,” said Farm Manager Instructor Travis Kress. “We’ve set the program up to be flexible. An individual can continue on if they’re seeking a degree or they can get the knowledge, earn the certification and go out and make money on the farm.”

Topics in the curriculum include soil and fertility management, vegetable and fruit production, herb production, crop planning and scheduling, harvest and post-harvest handling and food safety, transplant production, high tunnel production, direct and wholesale marketing, developing a business plan, enterprise budgeting, equipment usage and maintenance, pest management, chemical handling and application, irrigation, crop rotations and farm specific financials.

“I’m looking forward to covering everything from how



to drive a tractor and the bare basics of farming to discussing the marketing part and the different cropping systems. The farming part is the easy part. Getting out and selling the product can be challenging. It’s not hard to grow squash. You can be the hardest-working person out there and have the prettiest squash, but until someone gives you money for it, it can be wasted effort,” Kress said.

Kress, a Cullman High graduate, earned a bachelor’s degree in agronomy and soils at Auburn University in 2011 after earning an associate degree Wallace State. He is a fifth-generation farmer, growing his own fruits and vegetables each year.

Scholarships to the program will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. The scholarships are awarded in \$250 increments each season, covering half the cost of the program.

The program is open to the public, including high school graduates looking to begin farming, those seeking a second career or different path, gardeners seeking a more in-depth program, those looking to create a hobby farm and anyone interested in a better understanding of fruit and vegetable production. Classes will feature both traditional classroom lecture and lab time.

To apply, visit www.wsccfuturefoundation.org.

For more information, contact Kress at 256-352-8115 or email him at travis.kress@wallacestate.edu.

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

Growing up in Texas, jalapeños were a way of life for Jay Short, owner of Jala Jala. He loves all peppers but especially jalapeños. Now, Jala Jala Foods allows him to share wonderful jalapeño products with everyone. The product line includes five jalapeño jellies, two salsas, corn relish, two BBQ sauces, BBQ rub and a chili mix.

They are made in Huntsville, out of an FDA-inspected kitchen. They considered several co-packers to make their products, but the speed, quality and taste of their product was not to Short's standards. In order to get a product with the quality and taste desired, they decided to produce the products themselves! They purchase locally grown peppers.



Having folks enjoy their products is what Short lives for. The goal is for people to enjoy the flavor of jalapeños without worrying about the heat. "Know the Glow" comes from the warmth you get after you eat their products. Their mission is to create great tasting, top quality products so that all will come to "Know the Glow."

For more information about Jala Jala foods, visit www.jalajalafoods.com.

FEDERATION HONORS JOHN MCMILLAN WITH SERVICE AWARD



Alabama Farmers Federation President Jimmy Parnell, left, presents Agriculture Commissioner John McMillan with the Service to Agriculture Award during the opening session of the organization's 97th annual meeting in Montgomery. The award is the highest honor presented by the Farmers Federation. Growing up in rural Baldwin County as the son of a sawmill owner and farmer, McMillan learned the value of hard work, determination and relationships. Those standards served him well throughout his life in the private business sector and almost 50 years in the political arena. McMillan's public service career includes time as a Baldwin County commissioner, state representative, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources commissioner and State Personnel Board member, as well as his two terms as ag commissioner. In 2018, he was elected state treasurer. While ag commissioner, he served as president of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture and the Southern United States Trade Association.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

We continue to spotlight an employee each month to put a face with the many services provided by the Department of Agriculture and Industries. We hope you enjoy getting to know more about our excellent employees!

Our Spotlight Employee of the Month is Christy Williams. She is the Microbiology Laboratory Supervisor at the State Veterinary Diagnostic Lab in Auburn and has worked for the Department of Agriculture and Industries for 16 years.

The diagnostic lab performs special tests not available at most veterinary practices. Williams' primary responsibilities include monitoring all testing that takes place in the microbiology lab and performing many of the tests as well. A variety of tests are performed on cultures from livestock, poultry and companion animals. The identification of bacterial and fungal pathogens is the primary focus in the lab. A careful and systematic process is followed to narrow down the types of bacteria or fungus that are present in a culture. The identification process is important, along with antibiotic testing, so that recommendations can be made for a course of treatment. Williams said the lab's goal is to provide accurate results in a timely fashion.



Christy Williams

Williams' favorite part of her job is being able to assist farmers and pet owners in identifying bacterial diseases that affect their animals. She is an "animal lover" by nature and knowing that the work they do in the lab could help save someone's herd of cattle or pet is quite rewarding. Williams and her husband, Mark, have been married for eight years. She has one child, a son, Caden Kilpatrick (18).

REIMBURSE FARMERS FOR 75% OF COST UP TO \$500

GAP/GHP COST-SHARE PROGRAM

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